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INTRODUCTION.

REVELS OF NYMPHS AND TRITONS.

RECITATIVE (BARITONE) AND CHORUS.

Whose voice is sounding through our halls?
Who calls? Who calls?
Who with lordly step advancing,
Checks us in our heedless dancing?
He of race divine, I ween,
Proud yet gracious is his mien.
Robes of saffron hue he wears,
In his hand a torch he bears.
O'er our waves its rays are sparkling,
As the sun ere night is darkling;
When he shakes his yellow hair,
Far he scatters odours rare—
Stranger, who art thou? Declare!

SONG. HYMEN.

(SOPRANO)

The lord am I of wedded love
 Rever'd by men and gods above,
 And by my gentle might
 Two nations would I now unite,
 Two ancient nations known
 To all your race from zone to zone.
 To you do I confide
 A fair Princess, the Baltic's pride,
 Who from her native home
 To your domain has come,
 Albert of Wales she seeks,—a royal bride.

Receive her in your gentlest mood,
 And curb the anger of the flood,
 That she may safely go,
 And nought of your wild nature know.
 Let soft and prosp'rous gales
 Of Albert whispering fill her sails.
 Ne'er ocean's nymphs before
 Across the waves a burden bore
 More priz'd, more lov'd than this.
 The bark then let them kiss
 Fondly, that carries her to Britain's shore.

DUET. A NYMPH AND A TRITON.

(SOPRANO AND TENOR.)

The pearl and coral of the deep,
 That in our lowest caves we keep,
 That busy Tritons ever watch
 Lest mortal greed our treasure snatch,
 Will not be priz'd by hearts more zealous,
 Will not be kept with care more jealous
 Than the bright jewel, thou to us hast brought.
 To honor mighty Albion's name,
 And Denmark's ancient fame,
 By Nereus are his children taught.

RECITATIVE AND SONG.

(BARITONE.)

Assemble all ye dwellers in the deep,
 As ye are ancient seers,
 To Alexandra promise happiness,
 And happiness to Albert, Prince of Wales.
 Oh! may he emulate the fame
 Of his lamented sire, whose name is writ
 In characters that may not be effac'd
 Upon the nation's heart;—whom all men call
 ALBERT the GOOD.

SONG.

Sanctus

Concluded

Above there is a star, whose ray
Is ever clear and bright,
'Twill safely guide thee on thy way,
If thou observ'st it right.
The light of truth, the flame of love,
Are blended in its glow,
And though 'tis plac'd so far above,
It warms the earth below.

Think not that star will ever set,
Or fade from Britons' eyes,
Its presence near they ne'er forget,
Its distant light they prize.
Though heavy clouds across it sail,
Still, still it is in sight,
And ever through the darkest veil
Will shine serene and bright.

RECITATIVE.

(BARITONE.)

Now let your voices swell with joyous strains,
And dedicate this day to mirth and joy ;
Yea, let the sound of spirit-stirring songs
Across the wide expanse of waters sweep.

CHORUS.

Hail to Britannia, ruler of the waves,
Honor to Denmark, the Sea-king's home.
Rise, Tritons, rise from your ocean caves,
As on a gen'rous steed, ride on the billow's foam,
And let the sounding shell
To earth and heav'n our rapture tell.

TRIO.

(SOPRANO, TENOR, AND BARITONE.)

Daughter of the Baltic, hail !

May the pow'rs of good befriend thee.

May all happiness attend thee.

May thy life unruffled be,

From all worldly trouble free.

In Britain may'st thou find a home grief
never can assail.

There thy Albert longs to meet thee,

There the Ocean-queen will greet thee,

Victoria, Victoria !

There will her people lift their voice,

And in their monarch's joy rejoice,

Shouting with us :—Hail ! Denmark's
daughter, hail !CHORUS (*resumed.*)

Hail ! Denmark's daughter, hail !

To joy thou art borne by the gale.

Tritons, let the sounding shell,

To earth and heav'n our rapture tell.

We witness delighted

Britannia and Denmark united ;

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